

REMARKS

The Amendments

Claims 1, 8, 10 and 14 are amended above. New dependent claims 19 and 20 are supported by the disclosure at page 37, lines 21-23, and page 36, lines 5-8, for example. Claims 1-6, 8, 10, 12 and 16-20 are now pending in the application. Claim 1 is amended to address the objection thereto. Claims 8, 10 and 14 are amended to address the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections, as discussed below. The amendments do not narrow the scope of the broadest claim.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more continuing and/or divisional applications directed to any subject matter disclosed in the application which has been canceled by any of the above amendments.

The Claim Objection

The objection to claim 1 is rendered moot by the amendment thereto.

The Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §112

The rejections of claims 8, 10 and 14 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first or second paragraph, are believed to be rendered moot by the above amendments. In each case, the claims are amended to remove the language giving rise to the rejection, as suggested in the Office Action. Thus, the 35 U.S.C. §112 rejections should be withdrawn.

It is submitted that the claims are in condition for allowance. However, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned to discuss any unresolved matters.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees associated with this response or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-3402.

Respectfully submitted,

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